

Part 1 – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

Eighteen years after Idaho Territory was established in 1863, a group of its early settlers created the Historical Society of Idaho Pioneers. Determined to preserve and celebrate their own heritage, many of those individuals later encouraged the establishment of the Idaho State Historical Society as an agency of the State of Idaho in 1907.

The Society operates as an agency of the Idaho State Board of Education with additional oversight from its own seven-member Board of Trustees appointed by the State Board. Each Trustee represents a different region of the state based on a geographic configuration similar to the seven judicial districts of Idaho.

The collections of the Society were first housed in a basement room in the Idaho State Capitol Building. The agency now provides services to the citizens of Idaho from facilities in five Boise locations, three historic sites located elsewhere in the state, and the Lewis and Clark Education Center in Lewiston.

Programs of the agency directly reach more than a quarter of a million people annually. The staff offers technical assistance and historical expertise to the general public, educational institutions, county and local historical societies, and other entities concerned with the prehistory, history, and historic preservation throughout the state and elsewhere as appropriate.

Mission Statement

To educate and instill a sense of value and sensitivity for Idaho's cultural heritage through appropriate identification, preservation, and interpretation of historic resources.

Vision Statement of Purpose

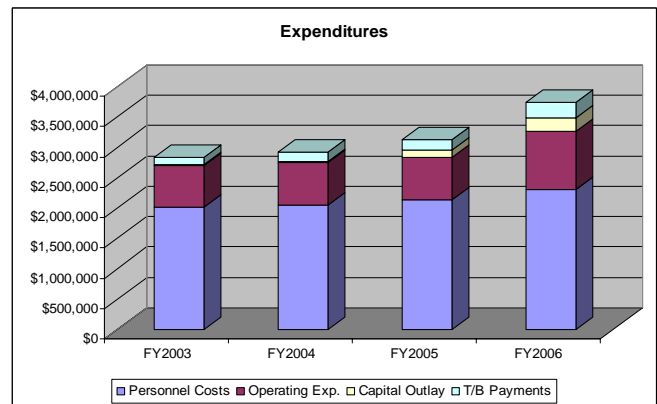
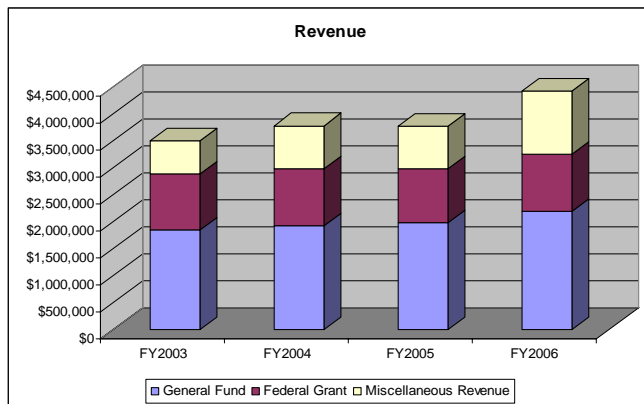
The Idaho State Historical Society (ISHS) acts on behalf of the citizens of the state to facilitate and assure the protection of Idaho's cultural heritage. The ISHS maintains access to documents, artifacts, and sites that can be used by the public for their benefit and appreciation. The ISHS maintains historic and prehistoric resources. Access to these resources is provided through public outreach, publications, technical assistance, exhibits, and the encouragement of local, state and regional efforts to preserve history. The ISHS undertakes and promotes these activities through its goals and policies in accordance with the powers and duties assigned to it.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

Idaho has a rich history and prehistory whose chronicles deserve to be preserved and made available to its citizens. The Idaho State Historical Society is charged with responsibility for that preservation. This is done primarily in accordance with Chapters 41 and 46 of Title 67 of the Idaho Code, and through other statutory capacity assigned under Titles 14, 31, 33, 58, and 63.

Revenue and Expenditures:

Revenue	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
General Fund	\$1,840,400	\$1,923,700	\$1,973,800	\$2,200,000
Federal Grant	\$1,048,900	\$1,063,700	\$1,015,000	\$1,047,400
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$614,900	\$793,900	\$780,500	\$1,175,000
Total	\$3,504,200	\$3,781,300	\$3,769,300	\$4,422,400
Expenditure	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Personnel Costs	\$2,009,700	\$2,049,700	\$2,134,900	\$2,303,206
Operating Expenditures	\$690,100	\$705,300	\$707,600	\$956,995
Capital Outlay	\$11,900	\$17,400	\$121,300	\$233,269
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$125,500	\$157,700	\$161,800	\$258,012
Total	\$2,837,200	\$2,930,100	\$3,125,600	\$3,751,482



Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
*Public Archives/Research Library patrons served	9,510	10,697	11,428	10,828
*Materials added to Public Archives (cubic feet)	2,876	3,777	4,649	6,020
*Research Library items cataloged	6,508	9,303	5,731	5,759
*Oral History interviews and related materials created	551	424	257	187
*Number of paid visitors to the Historical Museum per annum (fees implemented October 1, 2003)	0	22,308	21,845	32,600
*Historical artifacts and objects processed at the Historical Museum	3,000	3,000	1,100	750
*Number of students (K-12) receiving educational material from the Historical Museum	5,200	5,200	5,200	14,758
*Number of students participating in Idaho History Day contest	659	711	992	1,213
*State Historic Preservation Office review of environmental impact clearances (required by federal law)	982	1,100	1,185	1,152
*Historical and Archaeological sites added to the Archaeological Survey of Idaho	2,502	1,500	1,068	1,112
*Historic sites added to Idaho Historic Sites inventory	352	1,771	613	725
*Estimated dollar benefit to Idaho business through federal Tax Act projects (000s)	1,600	1,700	6,300	200
*General Tour visitation to ISHS Historic sites statewide	35,290	37,500	37,000	21,043
*Number of guided interpretive tours provided at the Old Penitentiary	556	500	520	500
*Man hours spent to maintain, restore and repair Old Pen buildings	8,500	7,500	6,000	6,000

Performance Highlights:

Work was completed on the 35,000 square foot addition (Phase II) addition to the Idaho History Center to provide additional research facilities and increased access to historical library and archives holdings (opened to the public November 30, 2005).

An initial \$450,000 was appropriated for planning and design of a new wing for the Idaho State Historical Museum. Efforts will continue to raise the necessary funds (\$10 million) from outside sources for construction.

Idahohistory.net Web site usage has grown from zero to an average of 1,973 user sessions per day in six years, with the average user session length of 10 minutes 7 seconds.

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	2003	2004	2005	2006	Benchmark
1. Number of daily user sessions on agency internet web site	779	963	1,197	1,973	5% increase/yr
2. Number of paid visitors to Historical Museum and Old Penitentiary	23,790	43,403	41,396	53,643	5% increase/yr
3. Cubic feet of material catalogued in Public Archives holdings	New	New	New	New	2,000/yr
4. Number of students participating in Idaho History Day competition	659	711	992	1,212	5% increase/yr
5. Number of federal projects reviewed for compliance with Section 106 of National Historic Preservation Act and commented on within the 30 day deadline	982	1,100	1,185	1,152	100%
6. Take lead in seeking creation of a legislative task force to study updating state records management and preservation.	New	New	New	New	Passage of legislative resolution creating task force in 2007
7. Position Idaho Historical Museum for successful reaccreditation in fall of 2007	New	New	New	New	Obtain adequate resources to fulfill personnel and operational funding shortfalls necessary to meet reaccreditation guidelines

Performance Measure Explanatory Note:

#2 above: Prior to October 1, 2004, no admission fees were charged to visitors to the Historical Museum.

#5 above: Benchmark is to review the applications and provide comments within the required 30-day deadline in all cases (numbers above reflect successful obtainment of this goal).

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